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FROM IATF AND D/HA
FOR SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATORS
PLEASE PASS TO INS REPS

1. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO SOLICIT VIEWS OF ADDRESSEES ON A PROPOSED APPROACH DESIGNED TO COMPLETE THE CURRENT PROGRAM OF ACCEPTING CERTAIN INDOCHINESE REFUGEES STRANDED IN THIRD COUNTRIES BASED ON ADDRESSEES' REPORTING OF THE CURRENT REFUGEE POPULATION ABROAD, PRINCIPALLY IN SOUTH EAST ASIA (AND IN THIS CONTEXT WE ARE REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO THOSE REFUGEES WHO LEFT THEIR COUNTRIES BETWEEN MARCH 15 AND JULY 1, 1975, AND WHO HAVE NO POSSIBILITY OF BEING ABSORBED BY THE COUNTRY OF PRESENT REFUGE OR OF FINDING HAVEN ELSEWHERE) WE ARE CONSIDERING CONCLUDING THE U.S. PROGRAM IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

(A) COMPLETE THE INTAKE OF CATEGORIES I AND II NOW FIXED AT 6,950. FYI: OF THIS NUMBER, APPROXIMATELY 3,100 HAVE ALREADY ENTERED THE U.S. SYSTEM, LEAVING 3,800 TO COME. END FYI.

(B) TAKE IN ALL THOSE REFUGEES IN CATEGORIES I AND II ABOVE THE 6,950 FIGURE. POSTS SHOULD REPORT HOW MANY NUMBERS ARE INVOLVED.

(C) ALLOT TO POSTS A FIXED NUMBER OF THE REFUGEES REMAINING AND UNABLE TO BE RESETTLED ELSEWHERE, I.E. THOSE IN REFUGEE CAMPS OR ILLEGALLY RESIDENT, OVER AND ABOVE THE QUOTAS ESTABLISHED IN REFERENCES A AND B.

2. AS THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN CATEGORY I YET TO BE TAKEN IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUING COMING TO LIGHT OF RELATIVES, THE NUMBERS OF SPACES WHICH CAN BE GRANTED TO OTHER REFUGEES WILL OF NECESSITY BE SMALL. SELECTION CRITERIA SHOULD, WE BELIEVE, INCLUDE AMONG OTHERS SUCH CONSIDERATIONS AS: RELATIVES OTHER

THAN THOSE IN CATEGORY I; THOSE REFUGEES WHO WERE TRAINED OR WORKED DIRECTLY WITH U.S. FORCES OR MISSIONS; THOSE WHO

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WERE EDUCATED IN U.S. SCHOOLS; THOSE REFUGEES WHOSE PERSONAL OR INTELLECTUAL EMINENCE WOULD ENHANCE U.S. SOCIETY; THOSE REFUGEES WHOSE FORMER ASSOCIATIONS WITH THE NON-COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS OF VIETNAM, CAMBODIA AND LAOS, WOULD BE PARTICULAR OBSTACLES TO THEIR ABSORPTION BY THE HOST COUNTRY; AND THOSE CASES THAT POSE OVER-RIDING HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS IN GENERAL.

3. WE BELIEVE THIS APPROACH, GIVEN THE ABSOLUTE CEILINGS OF NUMBERS THAT WE FACE, HAS THE MERIT OF BEING EQUITABLE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEES' THOUGHTS AND SUGGESTIONS AS TO SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN AN ANALYSIS OF THE REFUGEE POPULATION DISCUSSED IN PARA 1 (C) ABOVE WHICH COULD INDICATE THE MAGNITUDE AND TYPE OF REFUGEES THAT COULD BE INCLUDED IN A NEW CATEGORY III.

4. WE ARE CONTINUING TO CONSULT WITHIN THE TASK FORCE AND WE REQUIRE COMMENTS ASAP. KISSINGER

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